

"Voices from the Past"

San Juan County's Centennial Celebration of the 1906 Antiquities Act

With the largest number of archaeological sites in the nation, San Juan County in Southeastern Utah has engaged scientists, awed visitors, and held special reverence to native residents. In 2006, the BLM and its partners will work together to protect these historic and archaeological wonders through research, community involvement and education.

All of these efforts will culminate at San Juan County's Antiquities Act Celebration in **Blanding, June 10**. The event will celebrate the rich culture and nationally significant wonders that the Four Corner's region of Utah holds.

Highlights of Activities

7 until 9 a.m.	Free Pancake breakfast hosted by Four Corners Heritage Council.
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.	Performances by Native American Dance Troupes.
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Symposium at the College of Eastern Utah discussing history of the area, archaeological studies, heritage tourism, and future management of heritage resources on the public lands
4:30 p.m.	Special Program and Awards Ceremony.
5 p.m. until 7 p.m.	Reception for the Edge of the Cedars exhibit "100 years of Archeology in San Juan County."
Throughout the day	Guided tours of archaeological sites Demonstrations of historic and Native American crafts including pottery firing and basket making A 'Heritage Fair' of artists, vendors, and food Atlatle Competition (ancient spear throwing)



One of the main highlights of the event is the grand opening of the special 2006 museum exhibit, "San Juan County Archaeology: The first 100 years" For the first time, artifacts that originated from San Juan County and held by museums around the country will 'come home' for this Antiquities Act Centennial Year.

In addition, the Centennial will leave a lasting legacy for improved management and protection of these special places from the results of the Comb Ridge Survey Project and Save America's Treasures Project on Cedar Mesa.

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